

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1537 (Bryan) - Peace Officers and Immigration
2 Enforcement]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1537, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Isaac Bryan, which seeks to prohibit peace officers from engaging**
5 **in federal immigration enforcement activities through secondary employment,**
6 **contracting, or volunteer service, and reaffirming San Francisco’s commitment to**
7 **community trust, public safety, and immigrant protections.**

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9 WHEREAS, On January 5, 2026, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan introduced Assembly
10 Bill No. 1537 (AB 1537), which would prohibit peace officers from being employed by,
11 contracting with, or volunteering for the United States Department of Homeland Security or
12 any entity that assists with immigration enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, AB 1537 would also require peace officers to report any offer or attempt of
14 secondary employment related to immigration enforcement to their employing law
15 enforcement agency, ensuring transparency and accountability within local departments; and

16 WHEREAS, The bill further designates records related to peace officers’ secondary
17 employment as public records under the California Public Records Act, strengthening public
18 oversight and reinforcing trust in law enforcement institutions; and

19 WHEREAS, Decades of research and lived experience have demonstrated that
20 entanglement between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement
21 undermines public safety by discouraging immigrant communities from reporting crimes,
22 cooperating with investigations, or seeking emergency assistance; and

23 WHEREAS, At a time when California and the City and County of San Francisco are
24 experiencing ongoing peace officer staffing shortages, it is essential that sworn officers focus
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1 their time and expertise on addressing local public safety needs rather than being diverted to
2 federal immigration enforcement activities; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department's mission affirms a commitment to
4 just, transparent, unbiased, and responsive policing, carried out in the spirit of dignity,
5 collaboration with the community, and the protection of constitutional and human rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Participation by local peace officers in federal immigration enforcement
7 activities undermines these core principles by eroding community trust and associating local
8 policing with actions and directives that conflict with constitutional protections and human
9 rights values; and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has long been a leader in
11 maintaining a clear separation between local law enforcement and federal immigration
12 enforcement in order to protect immigrant communities and promote effective, equitable public
13 safety; and

14 WHEREAS, By clearly prohibiting peace officers from participating in immigration
15 enforcement through secondary employment and establishing meaningful accountability
16 mechanisms, AB 1537 strengthens California's commitment to civil rights, constitutional
17 protections, and community-centered public safety; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
19 hereby supports Assembly Bill No. 1537 as a critical measure to uphold constitutional and
20 human rights and protect community trust; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State
22 Legislature and the Governor to enact AB 1537 to ensure that local law enforcement activities
23 remain consistent with California values and the principles of community-based policing; and,
24 be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
2 copy of this Resolution to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore of the
3 California State Senate, the Speaker of the California State Assembly, and Assemblymember
4 Isaac Bryan to express the City and County of San Francisco’s strong support for this
5 legislation.

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